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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
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Langley, VA 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

It was with great joy that I learned of your appointment, by President Carter, as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As I read the account of this appointment, I went back in memory to that great day, September 14, 1975, at Saint Peter's in Rome. Another American priest, Father John E. Young, C.M. and I had the honor of escorting, to their places, the ranking Officers of the United States Navy and their wives. It was a time when pride in my country was deeply felt.

In the understandable excitement of that occasion, I do not think that I ever thanked you and Mrs. Turner in the measure that was your due. May I, then, take this opportunity to express the gratitude which we owe to you for honoring Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

As you enter upon your new assignment, I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations to you on the tribute which has been paid to you by our nation in the person of the President.

May I also offer you the assurance of my prayers that God may direct and help you in your very delicate post.

With kindest and prayerful wishes for you and Mrs. Turner,
I am,

Respectfully yours,

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Father Taggart,

Many thanks for your letter of congratulations on my new assignment. I will do all in my power to live up to the trust and confidence placed in me. I look on the job as a special opportunity to serve our people and our nation.

I too recall that day in September 1975 when Mother Seton was canonized. It was one of the most inspirational events in my life and one in which all Americans can be proud.

Thanks again for your kindnesses on that day and for taking the time to wish me well.

Sincerely yours,


STANSFIELD TURNER

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